

**PETITION FOR EXPRESS  
ABANDONMENT TO OBTAIN A REFUND**

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| Application Number     | 10/518,990-Conf. #7641 |
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| First Named Inventor   | Takayuki Miura         |
| Art Unit               | 2131                   |
| Examiner Name          | Not Yet Assigned       |
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**Petition for Express Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.138(d) to Obtain a Refund**

I hereby petition to expressly abandon the above-identified application to obtain a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the application. Please refund any search fee and excess claims fee paid in this application.

The Director is hereby authorized to credit the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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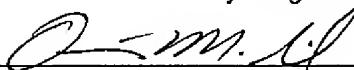
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I am the:  applicant.

assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

attorney or agent of record. Attorney or agent registration number is 34,930.

attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34, who is authorized under 37 CFR 1.138(b) because the application is expressly abandoned in favor of a continuing application.  
Attorney or agent registration number is \_\_\_\_\_.

  
Signature

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